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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0671

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, MT, NATO

SUBJ: MALTA: GOM RESPONSE TO SPECIAL PAYMENTS MEMORANDUM

REF: (A) STATE 61430

(B) USNATO 1635

(C) VALLETTA 0648

1. WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH GOM ON CURRENT PROBLEM. IN ORDER TO ASSIST DEPT AND NATO CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO PROCEED, WE SUGGEST THAT REPLY TO GOM CONTAIN FOLLOWING ELEMENTS.

A. THAT WE PROVIDE FIGURES TO GOM CONVERING INSTALLMENT OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE MAY 14.

B. THAT WE STAND ON POSITION THAT OCTOBER 16 TH PAYMENT CANNOT BE CALCULATED AT THIS TIME, BUT THAT WE UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE FIGURES ON OCTOBER 1 ST, I. E. THE TIME BRITISH PAY NEXT INSTALLMENT.

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C. THAT WE WILL IN THE FUTURE, IN EVENT SPECIAL PAYMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE, PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION REGULARLY ON DATE BRITISH MAKE PAYMENT.

D. THAT WE REITERATE OUR POSITION ON HOW SPECIAL PAYMENTS ARE CALCULATED AND TELL GOM AHAT SHOULD PAYMENTS BE MADE AFTER 1973, THEY WOULD BE BASED ON SUCH CALCULATIONS. WE SHOULD SPECIFICALLY MAKE CLEAR THAT USE OF TERM " SIMILAR PAYMENTS" AS IN LAST PARA OF MIZZI LETTER OF MARCH 30 ( REF C) COULD NOT REFER TO MAGNITUDE OF PAYMENTS BUT ONLY TO METHOD OF CALSULATION.

E. THAT WE PROVIDE SOME ASSURANCE ON BUDGETING QUESTION RAISED BY MIZZI ( REF C PARA 8).

2. BY PROVIDING ANSWER OF THIS SORT, WE ARE NOT REALLY GIVING ANY FURTHER CONCESSION. WE MUST APPRECIATE THAT MAJOR PART OF MALTESE PROBLEM IS SIMPLY UNCERTAINTIES GENERATED IN THEIR MINDS BY THE NECESSARILY COMPLICATED SYSTEM NATO IS USING TO CALCULATE SPECIAL PAYMENTS AND EXTENDED DELAYS BOTH IN OROVIDING NATO MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 28 TH AS WELL AS FURTHER DELAY IN FIRST SPECIAL PAYMENT TO MAY 14. GETZ

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